



Carter BloodCare

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To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations Department
Date: May 12, 2016
Re: Pre-Pooled Cryoprecipitate Inventory & Ordering Practices

Carter BloodCare has seen a sudden increase in pre-pooled cryoprecipitate usage for the region. Additionally, limited staffing in our North Texas location restricts the amount of pre-pooled cryoprecipitate that can be produced on a daily basis. As a result, we have had to import pre-pooled frozen cryoprecipitate in order to ensure all orders are filled as requested.

Carter BloodCare produces and distributes product code, E5621. At this time, the imported product that is most readily available is product code, E3587. We recognize and appreciate that work orders must be submitted to information services to create the product code in your computer system and that this requires time. However, please be advised that E3587 **must** be distributed immediately in order to fill orders. Please note that single units of cryoprecipitate are also available as an alternate product.

We would also like to ask you to examine your ordering practices for cryoprecipitate and refrain from requesting blood group specific cryo unless you are transfusing neonates or other patients with very small blood volumes. According to the AABB Technical Manual, **All ABO groups are acceptable** for cryoprecipitate (p 375, 18th edition). Cryo has a very low plasma volume, even when pooled.

We are aware of persistent ordering practice for group specific cryo in our customer base despite previous discussions about this topic. Carter BloodCare does not prepare pooled cryo of groups B or AB, so it cannot be ordered. We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

E3587, Pooled Cryoprecipitated AHF

